

ANNOUNCEMENT

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LWC Safety Committee is Upgrading Our COMMUNITY RADIO SERVICE

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- We're setting up a radio control station in the "Crow's Nest" on the 3rd floor of the Rec Center.
- We've purchased new higher powered mobile radio equipment to use for emergency communications.
- We're changing our radio communications from FRS/GMRS Channel 7 to Channel 15.

WHY?

- The 3rd floor of the Rec Center is a good location for communicating throughout LWC since it is centrally located and our antenna will be elevated.
- Channel 15 will allow us to transmit at a higher power than what is allowed on Channel 7 (about 4x as much). During emergencies that stronger radio signal will be easier to hear throughout LWC.

WHEN?

- We will begin using our new radio equipment on Channel 15 during our regular monthly radio communication at 9:00 am on Saturday December 7th.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

- If you have one of the several Midland FRS radios that the Safety Committee recommends, you simply change from channel 7 to channel 15 to hear the new radio service. (see attached Midland Radio Instruction sheets). *
- If you are using a programmable radio (e.g., a Baofeng HAM radio) you will need to enter the radio frequency for channel 15 (462.550 MHz) into your radio. *

*If you need help changing to the new channel or entering the new radio frequency your Safety Captains are available to assist you.